

NASA Glenn Research Center's Commercial License

NASA's Glenn Research Center has over 200 pieces of intellectual property (IP) available for licensing. Commercial licenses provide a means for organizations to make and sell products leveraging NASA's licensed technologies. Each license is negotiated on a case-by-case basis providing the most flexible and business-friendly approach to the broad range of companies and industries that license our technologies.

What's in it for you?

A Commercial license allows you to negotiate:

- Fees and royalties associated with the license
- Milestones required for commercialization
- Possibility of exclusively licensing IP for specific fields of use
- Term (length of time) of the license

What's in it for NASA?

As the emblem states as you enter the NASA Glenn Research Center, "FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL" is a guiding principle for the team at our Technology Transfer Office. Licensing to companies that will commercialize NASA's intellectual property is the number one priority of the Technology Transfer Office. Our mission is to leverage the outstanding capabilities and accomplishments of NASA's Glenn Research Center for the benefit of both NASA and U.S. taxpayers.

Requirements of a Commercial license application:

- Part I:
 - Listing of the technologies for licensing
 - Company contact information
 - Basic plan for the use of the NASA technology
 - Proposed fees and royalties
- Part II:
 - Comprehensive operations development plan
 - Detailed marketing and sales plan
 - Projected financial statements including investment requirements
 - Current balance sheet and income statement
 - Management and staffing plan
 - Risk assessment and mitigation

Additional requirements for exclusive commercial license applications:

When applying for exclusivity in specific field(s) of use, NASA must post an announcement in the Federal Register for 15 days of public notice and objection to the license.

Resources:

Commercial license application forms: http://technology.grc.nasa.gov/licensing
Portfolio of technologies available for license: http://technology.grc.nasa.gov/patents

If you have further questions, please contact us at: grc-techtransfer@mail.nasa.gov